

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling the placement of images on output sheets in a digital copier, the copier including a scanner for recording an image from an original sheet fed therein, and a printer for creating an image on an output sheet in response to digital image data submitted thereto, comprising:

feeding to the input scanner an input sheet having a test pattern thereon, the input sheet defining ~~an edge~~ a first edge and a second edge opposite the first edge, the test pattern defining a rule relative to each of the first edge and the second edge, thereby recording test image data;

causing the printer to output a copy based on the test image data;

entering a reading derived from inspection of the rule associated with the first edge and the rule associated with the second edge of the copy; and

the printer ~~adjusting an~~ adjusting at least one of a magnification attribute and a symmetry attribute of a subsequent copying operation on an output sheet as a result of the entering step.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of **claim 1**, ~~the rule~~ each rule having a set of numbers associated therewith, and wherein the reading is a number related to the rule.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of **claim 1**, wherein the first edge is a side edge of the input sheet.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of **claim 1**, wherein the first edge is one of a lead edge or a trail edge of the input sheet.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The method of **claim 1**, the entering step including the steps of

visually observing the readings on the copy, and
manually entering the readings through a user interface.

14. (Original) The method of **claim 1**, the entering step including the steps of

feeding the copy into the scanner, thereby recording image data relating to the copy,

a utility associated with the scanner reading the image data relating to the copy.

15. (Original) The method of **claim 14**, the utility associated with the scanner including optical character recognition software.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of **claim 1**, wherein ~~the rule~~ each rule appears on a partially-reflective area on the test pattern.

17. (Original) A method of controlling the placement of images on output sheets in a digital printer, the digital printer creating an image on an output sheet in response to digital image data submitted thereto, comprising:

causing the printer to print a test pattern on an output sheet, the output sheet defining ~~an edge~~ a first edge and a second edge opposite the first edge, the test pattern defining a rule relative to ~~the edge~~ each edge;

entering a reading derived from inspection of the rule associated with the first edge and the rule associated with the second edge of the output sheet; and

the printer adjusting at least one of a magnification attribute and a symmetry attribute of a subsequent printing operation as a result of the entering step, ~~the attribute being one of a placement of an image along a process direction and a placement of an image perpendicular to the process direction.~~

18. (Original) The method of **claim 17**, wherein the causing step includes setting at least one attribute of the printer at a predetermined default value.

19. (Original) The method of **claim 17**, the entering step including visually observing the readings on the copy, and manually entering the readings through a user interface.

20. (Original) The method of **claim 17**, the entering step including feeding the output sheet having the test pattern into a scanner associated with the printer, thereby recording image data relating to the test pattern.